

Key messages
Triangle Lake
7-7-11

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- We at the Pesticide Analytic and Response Center (PARC) have heard the concerns of the residents in the Hwy. 36/Triangle Lake area about the aerial application of pesticides in their community. The Oregon Department of Forestry, which regulates forest practices for Oregon, has asked PARC to assist with the response to these concerns in western Lane County.
- We take their concerns very seriously.
- While meriting further investigation of the health issues raised in the Triangle Lake area we do not believe there is an urgent public health risk.
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA), acting as co-chair of Pesticide Analytic Response Center (PARC) will lead a human exposure investigation in Triangle Lake/Hwy 36 area.
- This initial investigation will determine if residents are being exposed to pesticides from local application practices.
- The Department of Forestry, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon State University, as well as our federal partners at the US EPA and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), will assist in conducting this exposure investigation.
- This initial exposure investigation will require multiple sources of data to determine if human exposure is occurring.
- The investigation may include sampling of drinking water, domestic plant and animal food products (home gardens/milk & eggs), air, and bio-sampling (urine samples from a defined group of residents) both before and after forest spray applications or other vegetation control projects in the local area. Specific boundaries will be determined.
- If exposure *is* occurring, further examination will attempt to determine:
 - Levels of human exposure
 - Route or routes of exposure
 - Types of pesticides people are being exposed to
 - Source or sources of pesticides linked to identified exposure

- Levels of exposure that may raise acute or chronic health concerns; and whether local health data reflect such health impacts.
- The exposure investigation will also be used to determine if a collaborative effort like the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership process is warranted to reduce levels of exposure. This approach relies on local partners, expertise, and voluntary actions to make improvements.
- PARC and its member agencies will hold a community meeting to discuss how state and federal agencies are responding to concerns about use of pesticides in the Highway 36/Triangle Lake area. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 Thursday, July 14,, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Triangle Grange Hall in Blachly.

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